capture the terrorist elements. There was general appreciation amongst Islamic countries apart from Pakistan and in the international community of the manner in which the Government of India and the State Government defused ...

Militants at Hazratbal Shrine

752. SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) since when Government received the information regarding the militants equipped with arms and ammunition holed up inside the Hazratbal Shrine in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of army officials and civilians deputed by Government after receiving this information alongwith the period for which they were deployed for making the militants holed up inside the Shrine surrender togetherwith the details of expenditure incurred on them;

(c) the date, time and their terms on which the militants hold up inside the Shrine, surrendered alongwith the details of their terms which were accepted; and

(d) what was the total number of militants alongwith the number of foreign militants against whom cases were filed and the number of those who were released and on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) On 15th October, 1993, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir got information that two locks on the outer doors of the premises in which the Holy Relic is kept, in the Hazaratbal Shrine, had been tampered with. The Government immediately had the Shrine inspected by the representatives of the Managemtnt i.e. the Muslim Aquaf Trust, who confirmed that the two outer locks had been tampered, but the Holy Relic was safe. With a view to preventing further mischief and isolating the militants who were suspected to be inside the Shrine at that time, the complex was cordoned off by the security forces. Appropriate deployment of police and security forces was also made in the area and elsewhere in the town to prevent any breach of peace and public order in the wake of this incident. Two additional Battalions of the CRPF were provided to the State Government for this purpose.

Senior State Government officials viz the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and I. G. of Police, Kashmir and later the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) and the Chief Secretary of the State were deputed for discussions with the militants directly and through non-official mediators, with the aim of pursuading the militants to vacate the Shrine, release the innocent civilians held hostage by them, and give themselves up peacefully alongwith their weapons.

As personnel of the State Government, Police and Security Forces are in any case engaged in the task of maintaining law and order in the State, it is not feasible to identify any specific expenditure incurred in the context of this incident.

On the night intervening 15 and 16 Nov. 1993, between 0200 hours and 0500 hours, 62 persons who were inside the Shrine came out and surrendered themselves with their arms and were taken to a nearly building for being screened. There was no deal with the militants. The State Government had categorically stated that all those found innocent would be released immediately, while the remaining persons would be subjected to the due process of law.

After screening by the State Government authorities, 35 person found to be innocent were released on 18.11.93 of the remaining, there are 2 foreigners who claim to be from POK. Further inquiries are being made about their background, antecedents, and activities. Criminal cases have been registered against the remaining 25 persons and are under investigation. According to information made available by the State Government 21 of these persons were released on bail as per the orders of the competent Court between 27th Nov. and 30 Nov. 93, while the remaining continue to be in custody.

Steps to curb insurgency operation in Manipur

753. SHRI MAHENDER PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurgency in Manipur spurted during recent months:

(b) if so, what is the number of persons killed in Naga-Kuki clashes and insurgency operations in Manipur since January, 1993 month-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government since January this year to effectively curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Persons killed in Naga-kuki clashes and Insurgency Operations in Manipur, since January 1993, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) The State Government of Manipur has been provided additional units of Para-Military Forces/Security Forces. The State Government was advised to place the Para-Military Forces provided to them under the operational control of Army in view of the need for coordinated counter-insurgency operations. The State Government has inter-alia-also been advised to create a mechanism for coordination between different agencies, strengthening of intelligence gathering revamping the District Administration and activitating the State Police Force.

Statement

Persons killed in Naga Kuki Clashes and by insurgent group (NSCN and Meitei Extremist Organisation) in Manipur.

	Naga-Kuki	Meitei Extremists	NSCN
January .	4	10	2
February	..	13	..
March .	2	6	3
April .	39	13	33
May .	10	7	6
June .	8	9	31
July .	1	23	3
August .	49	9	32
September	146	24	1
October .	23	14	6
November	12	9	2

Assurance to ONGC and Oil India to revise crude prices

754. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given an assurance some time back to O.N.G.C. and Oil India to revise crude of prices from time to time taking into account cost and other factors;

(b) if so, what are the other demands of ONGC and Oil India;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the prices of the petroleum products in view of the assurance given to ONGC and Oil India; and

(d) if so, what are the defaults thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.